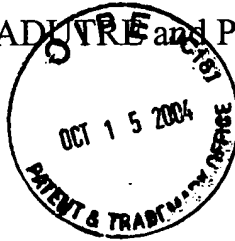


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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Transmitted herewith for filing is:

<X> AMENDMENT dated October 12, 2004 (13 pages)

(X) The applicant hereby petitions the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to any Office Action outstanding in the above captioned matter as necessary to avoid abandonment of the application. Please charge my deposit account No.11-0224 in the amount required to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to the above account.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.16, and 1.17, after a mailing of a Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.18 or any additional fees which may be required during the entire pendency of the application, or credit any overpayment, to Acct. No.11-0224. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. If and only if account funds should be insufficient, immediately contact our associate, Lisa Zumwalt, at (703) 415-0579, who will pay immediately to avoid deprivation of rights.

() Please charge my Deposit Account No.11-0224 in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

A signature or signatures required for the above recited document(s) is (are) provided herebelow. Such signature(s) also provide(s) ratification for any required signature appearing to be defective in the above recited document(s).

Horst M. Kasper, 13 Forest Drive, Warren, N.J.07059
Reg. No. 28,559 Tel.(908)757-2839

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313, on 10/12/04

Signature.......... Name.....A. Martinez.....

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AMENDMENT

The Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA
22313-1450
SIR:

This is in response to your office Action mailed on June 9, 2004 and a statutory period for response of three months to expire on September 9, 2004 for which an one month extension to October 9, 2004 has been requested.

Applicants petition that, if required, the time for response be extended and the corresponding fee be charged. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Acct. No. 11-0224. Applicants respectfully request that this response be accepted as a bona fide effort to meet any potential response requirements outstanding and due in the above captioned matter. Please amend the application as follows: